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DATE: December 1, 2005

TO: Legislative Finance Committee

FROM: Lois Steinbeck
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RE: Legal Review – Statutes Governing the Children’s Health Insurance Program

Attached is a copy of a request for a legal review and opinion regarding several statutes governing administration of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The legal opinion could not be completed in time for consideration by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) at its December meeting due to legal staff workloads. The request is attached for LFC consideration and potential action.

The opinion of legal staff of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) that covers some of the issues identified in the legislative staff request is also attached for LFC consideration.